

# MEET GUEST EDITOR



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Ashok did his doctorate research in reproductive biology in India and postdoctoral training in the same field at Harvard Medical School, Boston. While at Harvard, he was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Urology. He has published over 525 scientific papers and review articles in peer reviewed scientific journals, authored over 150 book chapters, and presented over 750 papers at both national and international scientific meetings. His current Hirsch index (h-index) is 97 on Google Scholar, 74 on Scopus, and 63 on Web of Science, while his citation count is 33,147 on Google Scholar. According to ResearchGate, Ashok has an RG score of 51.9 on 1516 publications. Ashok has served as an editor of over 26 medical text books/manuals related to male infertility, ART, fertility preservation, DNA damage and antioxidants. He is the guest editor of 4 special journal

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Ashok is active in basic and clinical research and his laboratory has trained more than 500 basic scientists and clinical researchers from the United States and more than 50 countries. Ashok has been invited as a guest speaker at important international meetings in over 25 countries. Ashok is the Program Director of a unique and highly successful Summer Internship Course in Reproductive Medicine. In the last 8 years, over 180 pre-med and medical students from across the United States and overseas have graduated from this highly competitive program. His unique style of training and motivating young undergraduate and medical students into cutting edge original bench research and scientific writing of research articles for publication in medical journals has been recognized for the prestigious "Scholarship in Teaching Award" by the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine every year since 2011. His current research interests are identifying biological markers of oxidative stress, DNA damage and apoptosis using proteomic research tools and bioinformatics analysis as well as preserving fertility in patients with cancer. Ashok is actively involved in laboratory and clinical studies assessing the efficacy of certain antioxidants in improving the male fertility.

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